

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC)

Organization Description

Since 1905, the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) has operated a successful family of social service programs and recruited support across denominational lines to help struggling Minnesota families remain self-reliant. In its mission to mobilize the faith community to meet human needs and seek social justice, GMCC develops partnerships with churches, faith-based and community organizations and units of local government.

Project Description

The Community Initiatives program of the GMCC will assist faith-based and community organizations develop and implement effective programs in three key areas: correctional aftercare, community-based healthcare and immigrant family services, through delivering a comprehensive program of technical assistance and on-going support to address critical organizational capacity, programmatic capacity, and relational needs.

Geographic Scope of Project

GMCC will focus on a seven county metropolitan area surrounding and including the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The targeted counties include:

- Anoka
- Carver
- Dakota
- Hennepin
- Ramsey
- Scott
- Washington

Partnering Organizations

GMCC has partnered with the McKnight Foundation to provide matching funds for this project.

Sub-Awards

GMCC will issue a total of \$320,000 in sub-awards to 15 faith-based and community organizations participating in the Community Initiatives program. Sub-award amounts will range from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Project Objectives

Develop strong, community-minded organizations that can develop and implement effective human services programming by ensuring that the organizations have:

1. An institutional infrastructure needed to support quality programming;
2. Programmatic competencies needed to design and deliver effective services;
3. The ability to form and maintain a network of working relationships with other community partners;
4. The vision to work collaboratively with others on more extensive community projects and issues.

Project Strategies

- Provide technical support and capacity-building assistance to 15 community and faith-based organizations which address the issues of correctional aftercare, community-based healthcare, and immigrant family issues;

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- Provide 15 sub-awards;
- Establish a community-wide network of community and faith-based organizations;
- Provide opportunities for a broad, community-based exchange of information and ideas;
- Link community experts with grassroots organizations;
- Contribute significantly to the research on how community and faith-based organizations can best participate in the overall delivery of social services.

Grant Award Amount

\$532,000



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